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The Standard of Ur

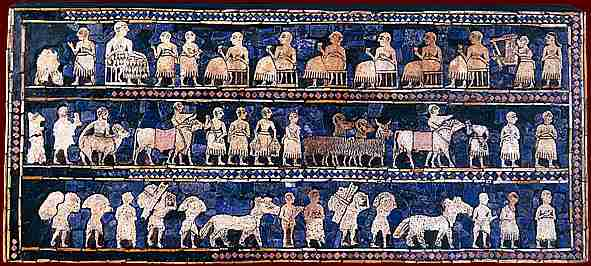
Read the below background information. Then, answer the questions that follow.

The **Standard of Ur** is an [artifact](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artifact_%28archaeology%29) excavated [dug up] from the Royal Cemetery in the ancient city of [Ur](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ur) (located in modern-day [Iraq](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iraq), south of [Baghdad](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baghdad)). The Standard of Ur dates from around [2600 B.C](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/26th_century_BC). It was excavated by British [archaeologist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archaeologist) Sir Leonard Wooley in the [1920s](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1920s).

It is a hollow wooden box with a beautiful [mosaic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mosaic) of blue and red stones on the outside. Leonard Wooley thought that it had been carried on a pole, like a sign, which is called a “standard.” Some think it is the sound-box for a musical instrument. No one knows for sure. The Standard of Ur has two main panels, which have been named “[War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War)”and “[Peace](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peace).”

Below is a black and white illustration of the “Peace” panel. Before you answer the questions, go to the following link to view a full-color photo of this important historical artifact:

<http://www.penn.museum/sites/iraq/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/standard.jpg>



Definitions:

1. Monarchy: government by a king or queen.
2. Culture: the way of life of a people
3. Agriculture: farming; raising crops and animals for human use.
4. Specialized Labor: Different people have different jobs, doing something they are highly skilled at doing.

1. What do you see in the picture of the Standard of Ur that suggests that Sumer had a monarchy?

A. There seems to be a parade up towards one leader, who is seated.

B. Farm workers lead animals and carry crops.

C. Seated men in the top line look like they are drinking from goblets.

D. Musicians carry musical instruments that look like harps.

2. What do you see in the picture of the Standard of Ur that would lead you to infer, or believe, that the Sumerians valued culture?

A. There seems to be a parade up towards one leader, who is seated.

B. Farm workers lead animals and carry crops.

C. Seated men in the top line look like they are drinking from goblets.

D. Musicians carry musical instruments that look like harps.

3. What do you see in the picture of the Standard of Ur that would lead you to infer, or believe, that Sumerians had a society based on agriculture?

A. There seems to be a parade up towards one leader, who is seated.

B. Farm workers lead animals and carry crops.

C. Seated men in the top line look to be drinking from goblets.

1. Musicians carry musical instruments that look like harps.

4. Which statement best supports the idea that Sumerian civilization had specialized labor?

A. The top panel seems to show important people, probably scribes.

B. The middle panel seems to show workers with farm animals.

C. The bottom panel seems to show farm workers with crops.

D. All of the above—specialized labor means there are many different

###### **Brief Write**

### Directions:

After you have read the below document-based question, reread the correct answers to the multiple-choice questions, and then re-examine (look over, again) the “War and Peace” side of the Standard of Ur.

Write your response to the below question in complete sentences. Use information from the multiple-choice questions, along with any other observations you make. Write a response of at least six sentences. You and your teammates will use it to create a Flight to Ur (which should have a photo of the world-famous ziggurat of Ur, a photo of the “War and Peace” side of the Standard of Ur, along with photos of specialized Sumerian

jobs and any Sumerian tool artifacts that you see in the Standard of Ur.

**Document-Based Question (DBQ)**:

Based on The Standard of Ur, how did the Ancient Sumerians adapt to the land, and with what tools, in order to sustain their agricultural economy? According to the Standard of Ur, what specialized jobs were held in Ancient Sumer, what goods were produced, what animals were raised, and what plants were grown?

**Type or hand-write your response below.**

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